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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: FULLY ARMORED CAR

FOR RSO FROM A/SY/FO

1. SY/FO PROPOSES TO SEND TEL AVIV A FULLY ARMORED VEHICLE FOR USE BY COM. THE MECHANICAL SYSTEMS OF THIS VEHICLE HAVE JUST BEEN OVERHAULED IN THE DC AREA UNDER SY SUPERVISION.

2. THE CAR IS A 1971 CHEVROLET IMPALA SEDAN, SERIAL NO. 164691C183064, VEHICLE INVENTORY NO. 5S0002. THIS CAR HAS A "POLICE PACKAGE" 400 CID, LOW COMPRESSION ENGINE OPERABLE ON LOCAL GASOLINE. IT HAS A HEAVY DUTY SUSPENSION SYSTEM. THE INTERIOR OF THE CAR IS PROTECTED BY GLASS REINFORCED PLASTIC (GRP) FIBERGLASS MOULDED INTO THE DOORS, ROOF, FLOOR AND BEHIND THE SEATS. THIS OPAQUE ARMOR WILL STOP PISTOL/SUBMACHINE GUN FIRE UP TO 9MM PARABELLUM. SIDE WINDOWS AND REAR LIGHT ARE A GLASS/PLASTIC COMPOSITE CURVED TO CONFORM WITH THE OPENINGS.

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SIDE WINDOWS WILL OPEN IN NORMAL MANNER. TRANSPARENT

ARMOR WILL ALSO DEFEAT 9MM FIRE. WINDSHIELD IS NOT ARMORED, BUT WE ARE RECOVERING AN ARMORED WINDSHIELD FROM SAIGON WHICH WE ARE PREPARED TO HAVE SHIPPED TO TEL AVIV

FOR INSTALLATION INTO CAR, IF POST ACCEPTS THE CAR. THE TIRES HAVE SAFETY ROLLER INSERTS CAPABLE OF PROVIDING LIFT AND MANEUVERING CAPABILITY AFTER A TIRE HAS BEEN SHREDDED BY GRENADE OR WEAPONS FIRE. THE FRONT BUMPER IS REINFORCED WITH STEEL PIPE TO GIVE THE CAR RAMMING CAPABILITY IN CASE OF A VEHICULAR KIDNAP ATTEMPT OR ROAD BLOCK. THE GAS TANK, BATTERY & RADIATOR AREA ARE ALSO COVERED WITH GRP. THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE OF THE VEHICLE IS NORMAL IN ALL RESPECTS. COLOR OF CAR IS LIGHT GREEN.

3. THIS CAR WOULD REMAIN UNDER GENERAL SY OPERATIONAL CONTROL. YOUR POST PROPOSED AS RECIPIENT THIS CAPABILITY BASED ON POSSIBLE THREATS AGAINST COM. IF SUCH THREATS ABATE IN FUTURE, CAR MAY BE SENT TO ANOTHER POST HAVING GREATER RELATIVE NEED. FYI, SY IS BUDGETED TO PROVIDE MAINTENANCE PARTS AND SERVICE FOR FULLY ARMORED CARS THIS TYPE.

4. ABOVE VEHICLE WILL BE HELD PENDING NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF CAR AND CONDITIONS OF USE BY TEL AVIV OF ABOVE PROPOSAL.

5. WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT ALTHOUGH VEHICLE PROPOSED IS 1971 MODEL, ENGINE AND ALL MECHANICAL SYSTEMS HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY RECONDITIONED. IN CLEANLINESS AND OVERALL APPEARANCE, VEHICLE COMPARES TO LATER MODELS, AND IN MECHANICAL EFFICIENCY PROBABLY BETTER THAN LATER MODELS.

6. IN EVENT YOU ACCEPT ARMORED VEHICLE, YOUR PRESENT CHIEF OF MISSION LIMOSINE WILL BE LEFT IN TEL AVIV FOR FUTURE USE AS REQUIRED. KISSINGER

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